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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. MATSUBARA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/132,085

Filed: August 10, 1998

For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS HAVING A  
FLASH MEMORY BUILT-IN WHICH IS  
REWRITABLE BY USE OF EXTERNAL DEVICE

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Examiner: V. Le

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UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97 AND 1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

April 2, 1999

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants, through their undersigned representative, are submitting copies of four additional patent documents in the listing thereof in equivalent form to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration, in keeping with the duty of disclosure/candor requirements.

This IDS is being submitted before the mailing date of either a final action or a formal notification of allowability and, therefore, is in compliance with the requirements pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c). The fee amount set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is attached hereto.

Each of the four listed documents, in the accompanying equivalent form to Form PTO-1449, is in the English

language. Moreover, listed USP 5,418,752 to Harrari, et al. was submitted in an IDS, dated September 29, 1998, in related U.S. application Serial No. 08/788,198. Further, USP 5,390,146 to Atwood, et al., USP 5,199,001 to Tzeng and USP 5,255,237 to Kodama were cited in a recent Office Action in the same related application. (U.S. Application Serial No. 08/788,198 filed January 24, 1997, has a separate 35 USC §120 link based on the same originally filed U.S. application Serial No. 08/031,877 as that of the present application.)

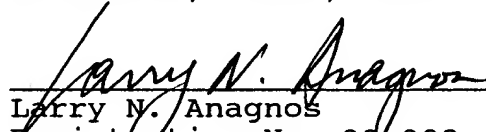
Further, Applicants would like to make known to the Examiner an additional related application, namely, Serial No. 09/144,194, filed August 31, 1998, which application is a separate continuation application based on the above-mentioned related Serial No. 08/788,198. Regarding Serial No. 08/788,198, a CPA (Continued Prosecution Application) directed thereto has been filed on September 29, 1998. It is submitted, Applicants have attempted to maintain a clear and patentable line of demarcation between the claimed subject matter of the present application with that of the related applications. Incidentally, related application Serial No. 08/788,198 was made of record in the earlier submitted IDS, dated August 10, 1998, in the present application and, moreover, the further related application, namely, U.S. application Serial No. 09/144,194 is now being made of record as per the duty of disclosure/candor requirements, also.

It is submitted, this IDS is in compliance with the Rules and with USPTO guidelines. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that it be entered and duly considered by the USPTO. Acknowledgement of entry as well as of the formal entry consideration thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to, or any overpayment thereof be credited to, the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (500.32032CC6).

Respectfully submitted,

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